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**Sent:** 2/27/2020 7:16:10 PM  
**To:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] [REDACTED]@niaid.nih.gov]

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**Sent:** 2/27/2020 7:47:19 PM  
**To:** Mark Zuckerberg [REDACTED]@fb.com]  
**Subject:** RE:

Mark:

Thanks for the note. If we start in April (~6-7 weeks from now) with a phase 1 trial of 45 subjects, it will take another 3-4 months to determine safety and some immunogenicity. The next step is phase 2 for efficacy. We may need help with resources for the phase 2 trial if we do not get our requested budget supplement. I believe that we will be OK. If this goes off track, I will contact you. Many thanks for the offer. Much appreciated.

Best regards,

Tony

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**Subject:** Thanks and Ideas

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We'd love to move quickly to help the effort and support getting these messages out.

Andrea Besmehn, cc'd here, can connect with Patty. I'm also copying Dave Arnold, who leads executive comms, to work through all of the details with your team.

Let us know if there are any other ideas you think could be helpful. Sorry to have missed you earlier today.

I look forward to talking soon.

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